

## Fast Facts on the California Economy

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### California Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

- California's economy is the eighth largest in the world – larger than Russia, Italy, India, and Canada.<sup>1</sup>

- In 2014, California GDP grew from \$2.2 billion to \$2.3 billion. California's largest private industry sectors: Finance, insurance, real estate, rental, and leasing (20.2% of state GDP); trade, transportation, and utilities (12.7% of total GDP); professional and business services (12.0% of state GDP); and manufacturing (12.0% of state GDP).<sup>3</sup>

| Comparison of 2014 GDPs |                  |                |                 |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Country                 | GDP              | Country        | GDP             |
| 1 - United States       | \$17.41 trillion | 9 - Italy      | \$2.14 trillion |
| 2 - China               | \$10.38 trillion | 10 - India     | \$2.05 trillion |
| 3 - Japan               | \$4.61 trillion  | 11 - Russia    | \$1.85 trillion |
| 4 - Germany             | \$3.86 trillion  | 12 - Canada    | \$1.78 trillion |
| 5 - United Kingdom      | \$2.94 trillion  | 13 - Australia | \$1.44 trillion |
| 6 - France              | \$2.84 trillion  | 14 - Korea     | \$1.41 trillion |
| 7 - Brazil              | \$2.35 trillion  | 15 - Spain     | \$1.40 trillion |
| 8 - California*         | \$2.31 trillion  |                |                 |

Source: Department of Finance<sup>2</sup>

### Firms, Employment and Wages

- There were 701,899 firms in California in 2012: 62% had less than 5 employees, 89% had less than 20 employees, 98% had less than 100 employees, and 99% had less than 500 employees (federal small business definition). About 5,660 firms in California had 500 employees or more.<sup>4</sup>
- There were 18.9 million workers in the California labor force in November 2015 with 17.9 million individuals employed. Month over increase of 11,000 jobs. This represents a 365,000 (2.1%) increase in jobs over the prior year.<sup>5</sup>
- In November 2015, nonfarm employment rose in five industry sectors. The largest job gains were in the transportation and utilities (+9,800); educational and health services (+4,900); leisure and hospitality (+3,800); construction (+1,000); manufacturing (+1,000).<sup>6</sup>
- California exported \$174.1 billion in products in 2014 to 229 foreign countries.<sup>7</sup> Mexico (\$25.4 billion) and Canada (\$18.2 billion) are the state's largest export markets.<sup>8</sup> California imported \$403.4 billion in products from other countries in 2014, accounting for 17.2% of total U.S. imports in 2014.<sup>9</sup> China (\$137.6 billion) and Mexico (\$41.2 billion) are the state's largest import markets.<sup>10</sup>
- California median household income in 2013 was \$61,094 (\$53,046 for U.S.)<sup>11</sup> with 15.9% of individuals and 22.1% of people under 18 lived in poverty (federal basic definition). Using the more comprehensive method, which accounts for geographic differences, transfer payments, and out-of-pocket expenses over a 3-year term, 23.4% of California residents live in poverty, as compared to 15.9% nationally.<sup>12</sup>

### Future California Job Market

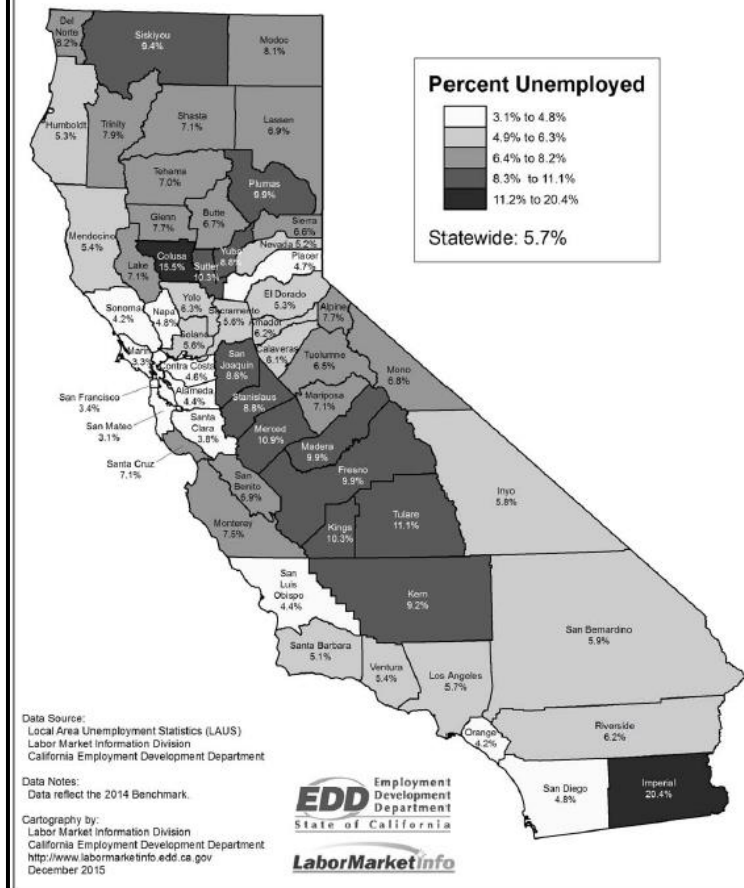
- The Employment Development Department is responsible for accessing future employment needs based on regional industry clusters. *The chart displays employment projections for 2010-2020, including new and replacement jobs.*

| Projections for California employment for 2010-2020 |                                    |          |    |  |          |
|---|------------------------------------|----------|----|--|----------|
|   | Industry Sector                    | Net Jobs |    | Industry Sector                                | Net Jobs |
| 1   | Hospitality and Tourism            | 868,186  | 6  | Information and Technology                     | 322,032  |
| 2   | Retail                             | 731,292  | 7  | Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services | 313,080  |
| 3   | Health Care Services               | 584,560  | 8  | Financial Services and Real Estate             | 275,464  |
| 4   | Education & Knowledge Creation     | 525,875  | 9  | Construction                                   | 263,157  |
| 5   | Professional and Business Services | 445,157  | 10 | Transportation and Logistics                   | 183,710  |

Source: Employment Development Department<sup>13</sup>

## County Unemployment Rates

November 2015 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



## November Unemployment

- In November 2015, the California seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.7%, down 1.2% from the prior month and down 20.2% from the prior year.<sup>14</sup> This figure represents over 1 million unemployed workers.<sup>15</sup> Over the same period, the national unemployment rate was 5.0%. *The map displays unemployment rate by county.*<sup>16</sup>
- The highest unemployment rates by race and ethnicity were among blacks (11.0%), Hispanics (7.7%), and whites (6.1%).<sup>17</sup>
- Most Californians, 80.4% generally worked full time. There were 1 million persons in California who worked part time involuntarily. They comprise 5.9% of all employed workers during the survey week.<sup>18</sup>
- By age group, the highest unemployment group was among workers 16 to 19 (21.2%), up 0.7% from the prior month.<sup>19</sup> The largest group of unemployed persons, when sorted by duration, were those unemployed for less than 5 weeks, which represented 27.8% of all unemployed.<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> "Value Added by Industry as a Percentage of GDP" prepared by Bureau of Economic Analysis, released 4/23/2015

<sup>4</sup> 2012 U.S. and State Industry Totals Data, Statistics of U.S. Businesses, U.S. Census <http://www.census.gov/econ/susb/> or [http://www2.census.gov/econ/susb/data/2012/us\\_state\\_totals\\_2012.xls](http://www2.census.gov/econ/susb/data/2012/us_state_totals_2012.xls), accessed 4/08/15

<sup>5</sup> EDD, Labor Market Review, November 2016, <http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/Publications/Labor-Market-Analysis/calmr.pdf>, accessed 1/5/16

<sup>6</sup> EDD, Labor Market Review, November 2016, <http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/Publications/Labor-Market-Analysis/calmr.pdf>, accessed 1/5/16

<sup>7</sup> International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, "Global Patterns of a State's Exports," [http://tse.export.gov/TSE/PrintPreview\\_Map.aspx?COL=3&DESC=true](http://tse.export.gov/TSE/PrintPreview_Map.aspx?COL=3&DESC=true) or <http://tse.export.gov/TSE/MapDisplay.aspx> accessed 4/09/15

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<sup>9</sup> U.S. Census, "State Imports for California 2014", <http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/statistics/state/data/imports/ca.html>, accessed 4/09/15

<sup>10</sup> U.S. Census, "State Imports California 2014", <http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/statistics/state/data/imports/ca.html>, accessed 3/9/15

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<sup>12</sup> U.S. Census, ACS, <https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2014/demo/p60-251.pdf> accessed 08/12/2015

<sup>13</sup> EDD, Quarterly Market Review, April 2014 [http://www.calmis.ca.gov/SpecialReports/Statewide\\_REA\\_Profile\\_Jun2014.pdf](http://www.calmis.ca.gov/SpecialReports/Statewide_REA_Profile_Jun2014.pdf), Accessed 4/09/15

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